

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
NOVEMBER 17, 2015**

SIGN IN

RON SIMPSON

PAUL JACKSTADT

DAN MCDOWELL

ED HAGNAUER

DON THOMPSON

WALMER SCHMIDTKE

GERALD WILLIAMS

TIM ELLIOTT

NIKKI PETRILLO

BRIAN KONZEN

JUDY WHITAKER

BILL DAVIS

BOB PICKERELL

ALDERMAN SIMPSON CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

SIMPSON STATED THAT FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS IS THE ORDINANCE MAKING A TAX LEVY FOR THE CITY OF GRANITE CITY AND TURNED OVER COMPTROLLER ONEY.

ONEY STATED THAT WHEN SET UP THE BUDGET WE WERE ANTICIPATING A ZERO INCREASE IN THE TAX LEVY. YOU CAN SEE THE RATE ARE THE SAME AN LAST YEAR.

MAYOR STATED THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO DEFER THIS; THE GOVERNOR AND THE STATE LEGISLATIVE ARE TALKING ABOUT A TAX FREEZE. WE DO HAVE PENSION OBLIGATIONS THAT WE NEED TO CONSIDER AND WOULD LIKE TO DELAY TILL THE SECOND MEETING.

ONEY STATED IF WE WAIT TO THE SECOND MEETING WE NEED TO CONSIDER THAT WE HAVE TO STAY UNDER A 5% INCREASE OR OTHER WISE WE WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER A PUBLIC HEARING NO MORE THAT 15 DAYS PRIOR AND LESS THAN 30 DAYS.

MAYOR STATED THAT IN LESS THAN SIX WEEKS WE WOULD HAVE AN ANSWER.

DISCUSSION BY MAYOR, ONEY, ATTORNEY KONZEN AND THE COUNCIL ABOUT THE TAX LEVY TO TABLE AND REFER BACK TO COMMITTEE.

SIMPSON STATED THAT NEXT IS AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 8499, THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE UP FOR APPROVAL TONIGHT.

MOTION BY SIMPSON, SECOND BY PICKERELL TO ACCEPT THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 8499, THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY SIMPSON, SECOND BY PETRILLO TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED.

MEETING ADJOURNED.